

**Remarks**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 11-14 and 18-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 11 and 18 are amended by way of the present response and Claims 1-10 and 15-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants request entry of this response, as the response places the application in clear condition for allowance or alternatively at least places the claims in better form for appeal. Specifically, claims have been rewritten in accordance with an indication of allowable subject matter, and claims have been amended to overcome outstanding rejections.

Initially, Applicants express appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 11-14 and 18-20, by indicating that the claims objected to would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Claims 11 and 18 have been so-rewritten. Claims 12-14, 19, and 20 depend from Claims 11 and 18. Thus, the allowance of Claims 11-14 and 18-20 is requested.

In the Office Action Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,437,335 to Hines, Sr. (Hines) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,792,235 to Paul; Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,758,803 to Liao et al. (Liao); and Claims 2, 3, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hines in view of Paul, and further in view of Liao. The rejections of these claims are mooted by the cancellation of Claims 1-10 and 15-17.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in

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condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 11-14 and 18-20 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.


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